

An Introduction to Logic Programming

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Is this a program ?

Draw the graph

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lali parent_of ana.

gia parent_of ana.

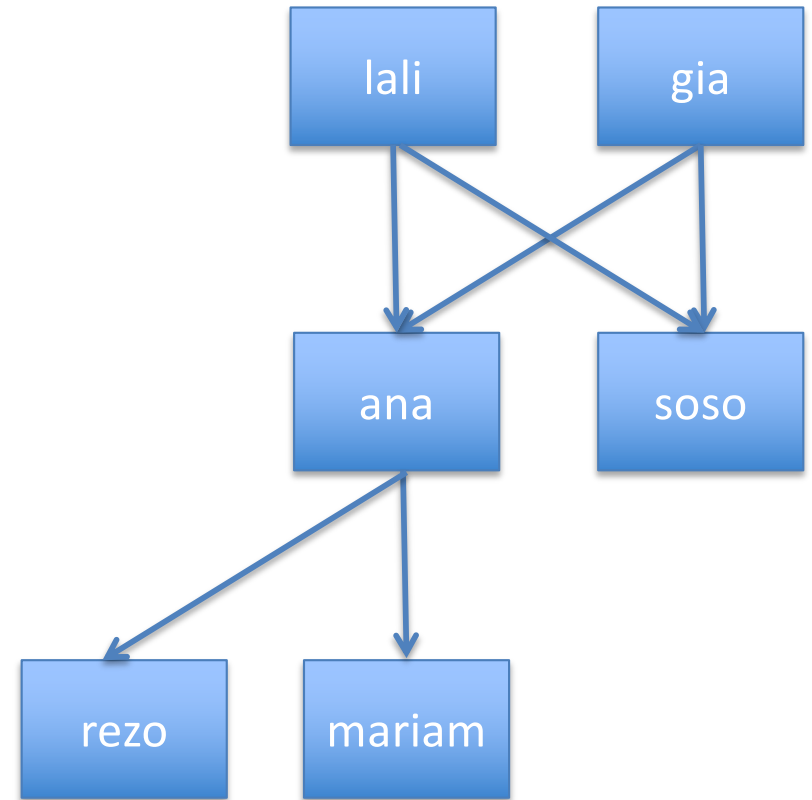
gia parent_of soso.

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Is this a program ?

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ana parent_of rezo.



It is indeed a Prolog program !

Is lali a parent of ana ?

?- lali parent_of ana.

Yes

?- lali parent_of dani.

No

?- lali parent_of X.

X = soso;

X = ana

?- Y parent_of ana.

Y = lali;

Y = gia

lali parent_of soso.

lali parent_of ana.

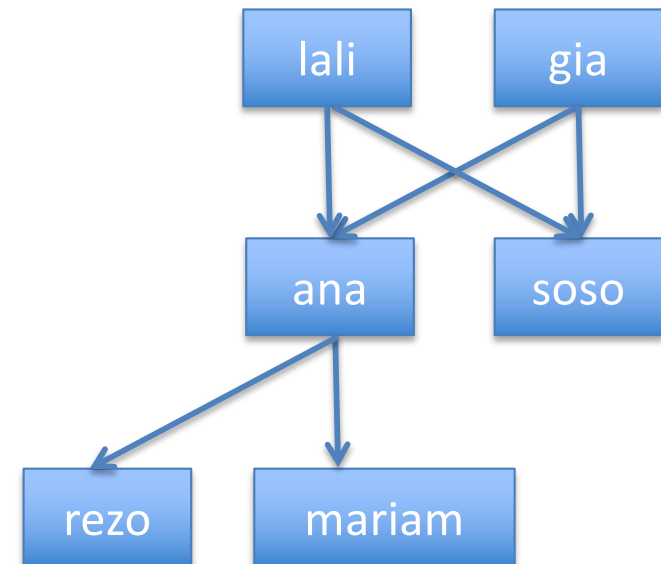
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Of whom is lali a parent ?



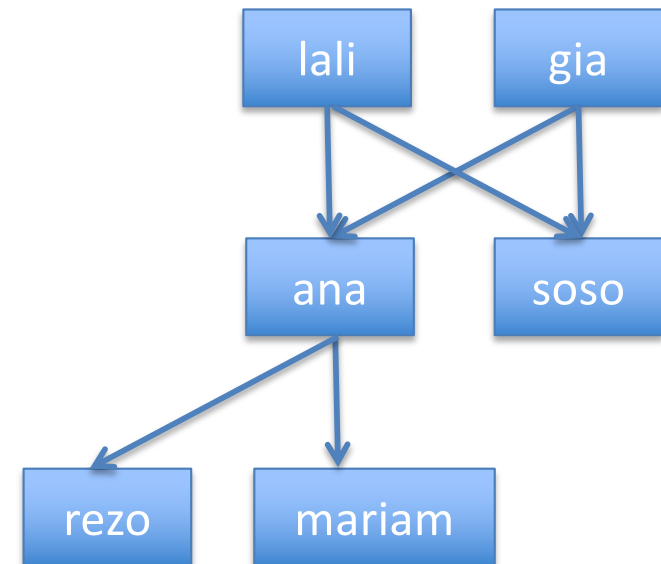
Enlarging the program

```
ancestor_of(A, C) :-  
    parent_of(A, C).  
ancestor_of(A, C) :-  
    parent_of(A, X),  
    ancestor_of(X, C).
```

A person A is an ancestor of another person C if either A is a parent of C or A is a parent of a third person X who is an ancestor of C

```
?- ancestor_of (lali, ana).  
Yes  
?- ancestor_of (lali, mariam).  
Yes  
?- ancestor_of (soso, mariam).  
No  
?- ancestor_of(lali, X).  
X = soso ;  
X = ana ;  
X = mariam ;  
X = rezo
```

```
gia parent_of soso.  
ana parent_of mariam.  
ana parent_of rezo.
```



Back to the program

6 Facts

```
lali parent_of soso.  
lali parent_of ana.  
gia parent_of ana.  
gia parent_of soso.  
ana parent_of mariam.  
ana parent_of rezo.
```

2 Rules

```
ancestor_of(A, C) :-  
    parent_of(A, C).  
ancestor_of(A, C) :-  
    parent_of(A, X),  
    ancestor_of(X, C).
```

- 8 clauses
 - 6 facts, 2 rules
 - Terminated by a « . »
- 2 **predicates**
 - parent_of
 - ancestor_of
- 6 atoms
 - lali, ana, soso, gia, mariam, rezo
 - They are constants
- 5 Variables
 - A (twice), C (twice), X
 - **Begin with uppercase**
 - **Local to a clause**

Back to the program

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```

Head

Body

Implication (\Leftarrow)
Head is true if body
if true

Conjunction (and)

Exercise ancestor

1/5

- Write the “ancestor_of” Prolog code corresponding to **your own family**,
 - going back to great grand parents
 - Include at least sisters, brothers, cousins, aunts and uncles
 - Start from the “ancestor.pl” file in the Moodle page
- Run the program
 - on EclipseClp
 - or SWI Prolog
 - Command : **swipl**
 - **Or Online version : <https://swish.swi-prolog.org>**

Exercise ancestor

2/5

- Test it
 - ?- ancestor_of(<your grandma's name here>, <your name here>).
 - ?- ancestor_of(A, <your name here>).
 - ?- ancestor_of(<your name here>, C).
 - ?- ancestor_of(A, C).
- Remember to keep the results of the test in the same file
 - in between comments
 - /*
 - < your tests here >
 - */

Prolog terms

- Constants
 - Atoms
 - Numbers
- Strings
- Variables
- Lists
 - See next chapters
- Functors + arguments
 - Ex: `parent_of(lali, X)`,
 - Ex: `whatever(Name, another(Y), 3)`
 - Number of arguments : **arity**
 - `parent_of/2`
 - `whatever/3`
- Queries and answers
 - Ex: `?- parent_of(lali, ana).` YES

Exercise ancestor

3/5

- For your personal “ancestor_of” Prolog code corresponding to **your own family**, list
 - Constants
 - Strings
 - Variables
 - Lists
 - Functors with their arity
 - Some possible queries

Exercise ancestor

4/5

- Now program rules to define
 - **sibling/2**
 - a sibling of X is a child of X's parents but not X
 - **aunt_or_uncle/2**
 - an aunt or uncle of X is a sibling of a parent of X
 - **cousin/2**
 - first write the corresponding English sentence
 - "a cousin of X is ..."
 - **grandparent/2**
 - A grand parent of X is...
 - **greatgrandparent/2**
- **Test each predicate as soon as you have written it**
 - to **check** relations that are **correct**
 - to **check** relations that are **NOT correct**
 - to **find** relations
- **Keep the code and the tests in a file**
 - to be uploaded before next lecture on the Moodle page

Your programs

- Upload them on Moodle after each lecture
 - on the dedicated slots
- Make sure to add how you tested them

```
/*
```

```
<program description>
```

```
*/
```

```
<Prolog code>
```

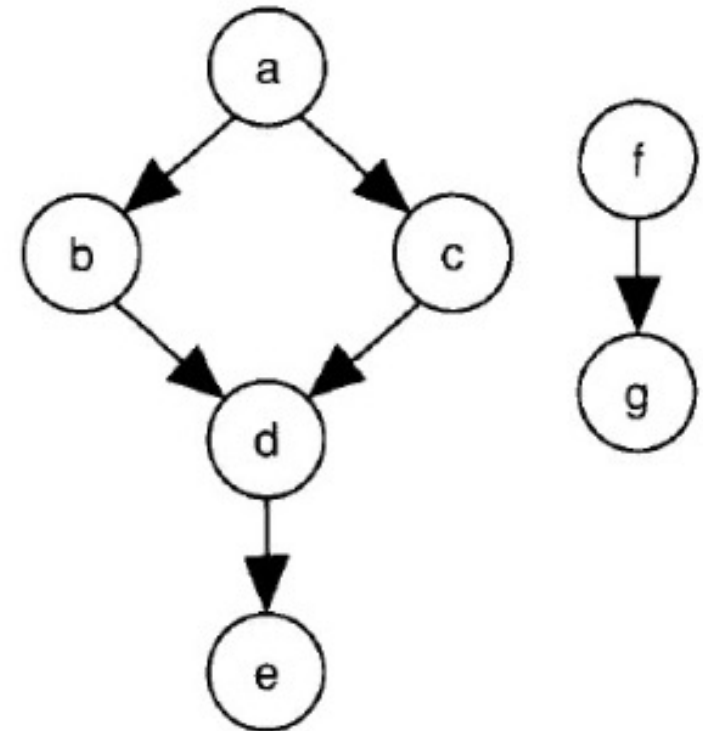
```
/*
```

```
?- <tested goals and results>
```

```
*/
```

Exercise 2.1

- Write two Prolog predicates that define connected nodes in the given graph:
 - `edge(Node1, Node2)`: it is true that there is a direct link between Node1 and Node2
 - `connected(Node1, Node2)`: there exists a path between Node1 and Node2
 - A node is considered connected to itself
- **Test each predicate**
 - to **check** connections that are **correct**
 - to **check** connections that are **NOT correct**
 - to **find** connections



Exercise 2.1 (bis)

edge(a, b).

edge(a, c).

edge(b, d).

edge(c, d).

edge(d, e).

edge(f, g).

connected(Node, Node).

connected(Node1, Node2) :-

edge(Node1, Link),

connected(Link, Node2).

Note that this is almost the same program
as ancestor/2 with parent/2

Do you recognize this rule ?

```
toto(A, B) :-  
    tutu(X, A),  
    tutu(X, B),  
    A \= B.
```

- Names of predicates and variables are crucial for us, human being, to be able to **read and understand** a program
- Prolog interpreter does not care as long as the **naming is consistent**

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If tutu is “parent_of”, this is the rule for sibling/2

DECLARATIVE PROGRAMMING

Declarative programming

- We defined **what** is a parent and an ancestor
 - We used the program with different « modes »
 - All parameters instantiated
 - Verification
 - Some parameters or none instantiated
 - Result generation
 - No predefined input or output
- Very powerful programming

```
lali parent_of soso.  
lali parent_of ana.  
gia parent_of ana.  
gia parent_of soso.  
ana parent_of mariam.  
ana parent_of rezo.
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ancestor_of(A, C) :-  
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    ancestor_of(X, C).
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Basic mechanisms

The « magic » comes from

– Unification

- ex: $p(23, Y) = p(X, \text{hello})$ with $X/23$ and $Y/\text{'hello'}$

and

! In Prolog, “=” denotes unification NOT equality

– Search tree and Backtracking

- search for (more/all) solutions upon failure

Unification (=)

1. If T_1 and T_2 are constants, then T_1 and T_2 unify if they are the same atom, or the same number
2. If T_1 is a variable and T_2 is any type of term, then T_1 and T_2 unify, and T_1 is instantiated to T_2 (and vice versa)
3. If T_1 and T_2 are complex terms then they unify if:
 1. They have the same functor and arity, and
 2. all their corresponding arguments unify, and
 3. the variable instantiations are compatible.

Unification examples

?- lali = lali.

Yes

?- lali = ana.

No

?- lali = X. *% Can 'lali' be unified with a free variable ?*

X = lali

?- parent_of(lali, X) = ancestor_of(lali, ana).

No

?- parent_of(lali, X) = parent_of(lali, ana).

X = ana

?- parent_of(lali, X) = parent_of(Y, ana).

X = ana

Y = lali

More examples

?- $X = \text{lali}, X = \text{ana}.$

No

?- $[X \mid Y] = [a, b, c]$

$X = a$

$Y = [b, c]$

?- $[a \mid Y] = [X, b, c].$

$X = a$

$Y = [b, c]$

?- $[a \mid Y] = [X, b \mid Z].$

$X = a$

$Y = [b \mid Z]$

The unification algorithm of Robinson

- Input
 - 2 terms $T1$ and $T2$ to be unified
- Output
 - θ the most general unifier of $T1$ and $T2$
 - or failure
- Initialisation
 - $\theta := \emptyset$, empty substitution
 - $\text{stack} := [T1 = T2]$
 - $\text{failure} := \text{false}$

Unification



Unification algorithm 2/2

- while the stack is not empty and not `failure`, pop $X = Y$, case of
 - X is a variable not occurring in Y :
substitute X by Y in the stack and in θ ;
add X / Y in θ
 - Y is a variable not occurring in X :
substitute Y by X in the stack and in θ ;
add Y / X in θ
 - X and Y are constants or identical variables: go on
 - $X=f(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ and $Y=f(Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$ for a functor f and $n > 0$:
push $X_i=Y_i$, $i=1..n$
 - else `failure := true`
- end-while
- if `failure` then return `failure` else return θ

Exercise 2.2

- Use the previous algorithm to (try to) unify
 - Lali and soso
 - `parent_of(lali, X)` and `Foo`
 - 3 and `2+1`
 - Hint : `2+1` is syntactic sugar for `+(2, 1)`
 - `parent_of(lali, X)` and `parent_of(Y, ana, Z)`
 - `parent_of(lali, X)` and `parent_of(Y, ana)`
 - `f(A,A)` and `f([3, 2],C)`
 - `father(X)` and `X`

Exercise 2.3

- First “guess” the result then use the algorithm to try to unify
 - 6 and $2*3$
 - $\text{edge}(a, X)$ and $\text{edge}(Y, b, Z)$
 - $\text{edge}(a, X)$ and $\text{edge}(Y, b)$
 - $\text{connected}(a, X)$ and $\text{connected}(Y, e)$
 - $\text{foo}(A,A)$ and $\text{foo}(\text{bar}(B),C)$
 - $p(X)$ and X

Exercise ancestor

5/5

- So far we have identified people by their first name
 - It is not a unique identifier
 - In a real genealogy program we need more information about them
- Update your program and represent each person by a functor $p(\text{FirstName}, \text{YearOfBirth})$
 - You must modify `parent_of/2`
 - Do you need to modify `ancestor_of/2` ?
 - Why or why not ?
 - Give examples of query.
- Is this sufficient to identify uniquely a person ?
- Do not forget to test your solution

Exercise ancestor

5/5 (bis)

```
parent_of(p(lali, 1950), p(soso, 1973)).
parent_of(p(lali, 1950), p(ana, 1975)).
parent_of(p(gia, 1950), p(ana, 1975)).
parent_of(p(gia, 1950), p(soso, 1973)).
parent_of(p(ana, 1975), p(mariam, 2000)).
parent_of(p(ana, 1975), p(rezo, 2002)).
```

```
ancestor_of(A, C) :-
    parent_of(A, C).
ancestor_of(A, C) :-
    parent_of(A, X),
    ancestor_of(X, C).
```

Unification can deal with
functors

```
/* examples of query
?- ancestor(A, X).
?- ancestor(p(lali, 1950), X).
?- ancestor(p(lali, 1950), p(Y, 1973)).
*/
```

For a reel program you would need more information and a unique identifier

For example

p(p1, lali, 1950, georgia).
p(p2, gia, 1950, georgia).
p(p3, soso, 1973, georgia).
p(p4, ana, 1975, france).
p(p5, mariam, 2000, france).
p(p6, rezo, 2002, france).

parent_of(p1, p3).
parent_of(p1, p4).
parent_of(p2, p3).
parent_of(p2, p4).
parent_of(p4, p5).
parent_of(p4, p6).

Identifiers here are already better than simple numbers

Or better

p(p1Lali1950, lali, 1950, georgia).
p(p2Gia1950, gia, 1950, georgia).
p(p3Soso1973, soso, 1973, georgia).
p(p4Ana1975, ana, 1975, france).
p(p5Mariam2000, mariam, 2000, france).
p(p6Rezo2002, rezo, 2002, france).

parent_of(p1Lali1950, p3Soso1973).
parent_of(p1Lali1950, p4Ana1975).
parent_of(p2Gia1950, p3Soso1973).
parent_of(p2Gia1950, p4Ana1975).
parent_of(p4Ana1975, p5Mariam2000).
parent_of(p4Ana1975, p6Rezo2002).

Unique identifiers that also convey **readable** information **thanks to atoms**



Prolog search tree

Definition: A search tree of a goal G with respect to a program P :

- The root is G
- Nodes are goals (*resolvent*), with one selected goal
- There is an edge from a node N for each clause in the program whose head **unifies with the selected goal** of N
 - edges are labeled by the current substitution

Remarks

- Each branch from the root is a computation of P by G
- Leaves are
 - success nodes, where the empty goal has been reached, or
 - failure nodes, where the selected goal cannot be further reduced
- Success nodes correspond to solutions of the root

Search tree

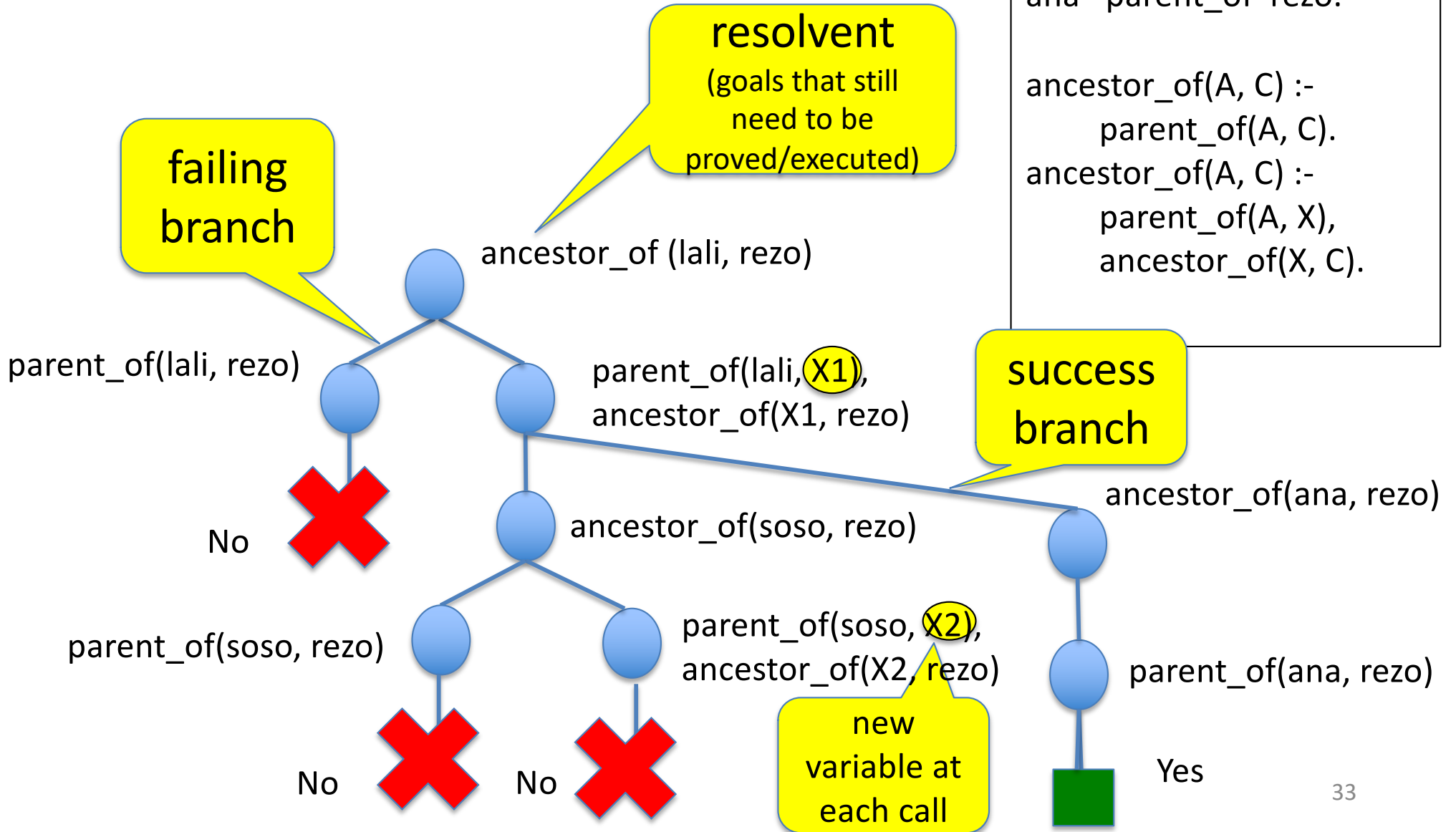
?- ancestor_of (lali, rezo).

Yes

```

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ancestor_of(A, C) :-
  parent_of(A, X),
  ancestor_of(X, C).
    
```



Exercise 2.4

- What happens if we exchange the first 2 lines of the program ?

```
?- ancestor_of (lali, rezo).
```

```
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lali parent_of ana.  
gia parent_of ana.  
gia parent_of soso.  
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```
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```

```
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```

Does it change
the result ?

Does it change
the search tree ?

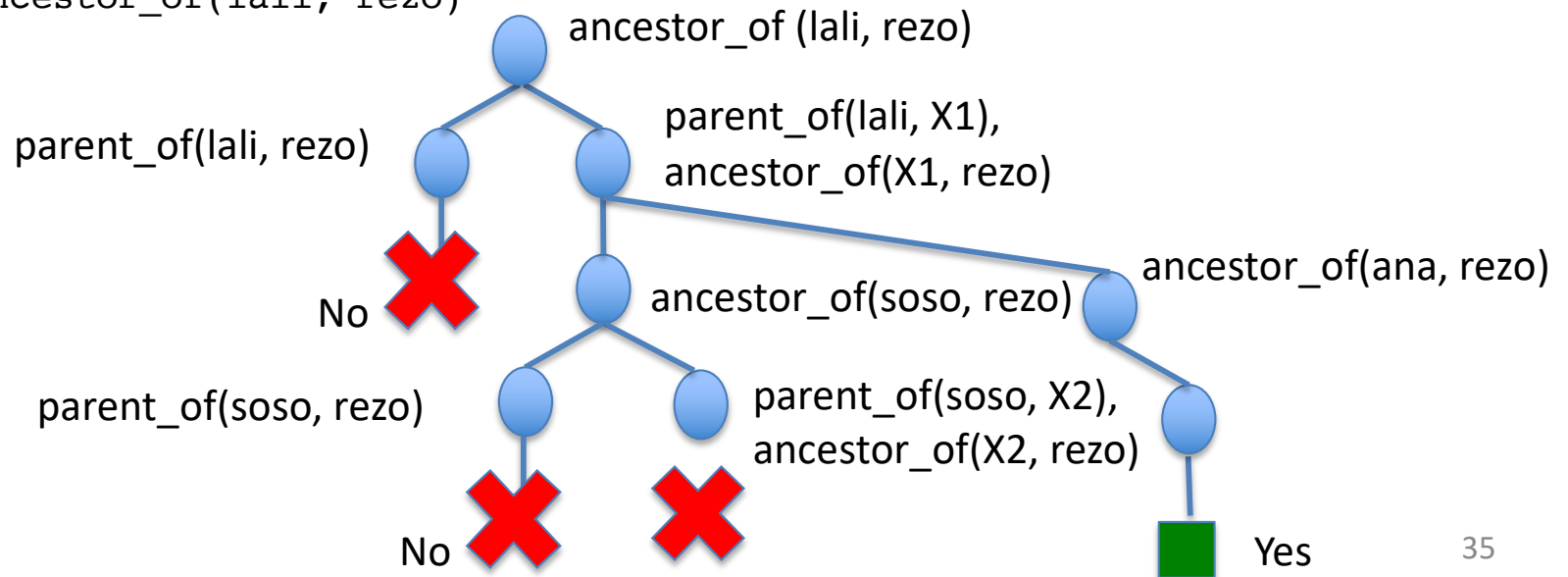
ancestor_of(lali, rezo).

```
(1) 1 CALL ancestor_of(lali, rezo)
(2) 2 CALL lali parent_of rezo
(1) 1 NEXT ancestor_of(lali, rezo)
(3) 2 CALL lali parent_of _298
(3) 2 *EXIT lali parent_of soso
(4) 2 CALL ancestor_of(soso, rezo)
(5) 3 CALL soso parent_of rezo
(5) 3 FAIL ... parent_of ...
(4) 2 NEXT ancestor_of(soso, rezo)
(6) 3 CALL soso parent_of _535
(6) 3 FAIL ... parent_of ...
(4) 2 FAIL ancestor_of(..., ...)
(3) 2 REDO lali parent_of _298
(3) 2 EXIT lali parent_of ana
(7) 2 CALL ancestor_of(ana, rezo)
(8) 3 CALL ana parent_of rezo
(8) 3 EXIT ana parent_of rezo
(7) 2 *EXIT ancestor_of(ana, rezo)
(1) 1 *EXIT ancestor_of(lali, rezo)
```

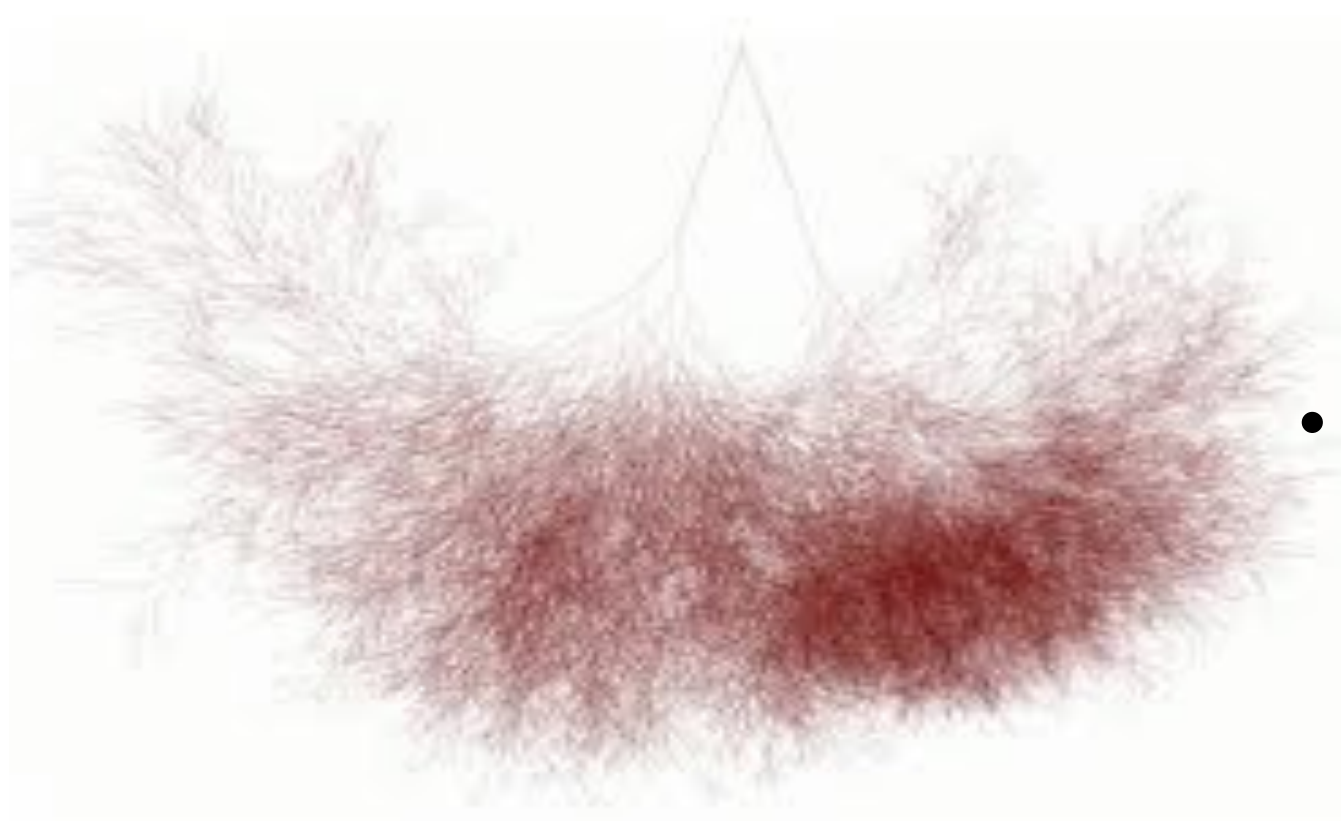
Prolog trace

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ana parent_of mariam.
ana parent_of rezo.
```

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ancestor_of(A, C) :-
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    parent_of(A, X),
    ancestor_of(X, C).
```



Execution trees can be large



- Prolog run time system can cope for **hundreds of thousands** of nodes
- When search space too large
 - time to consider **Constraint Logic Programming**

MORE ON PROLOG BASICS

Ex 2.6: Which queries are satisfied ?

house_elf(dobby).

witch(hermione).

witch('McGonagall').

witch(rita_skeeter).

magic(X):-

 house_elf(X).

magic(X):-

 wizard(X).

magic(X):-

 witch(X).

1. ?- magic(house_elf).

2. ?- wizard(harry).

3. ?- magic(wizard).

4. ?- magic('McGonagall').

5. ?- magic(Hermione).

Another example : successor

Suppose we use the following way to write numerals:

1. **0** is a numeral.
2. If **X** is a numeral, then so is **succ(X)**.

```
numeral(0).
numeral(succ(X)):-
    numeral(X).
```

```
/*
?- numeral(succ(succ(succ(0)))).
yes

?- numeral(succ(1)).
No

?- numeral(2).
No

?- numeral(X).
X=0;
X=succ(0);
X=succ(succ(0));
X=succ(succ(succ(0)));
X=succ(succ(succ(succ(0))))

*/
```

Exercise 2.7 : addition 1/2

Write a program that adds two numbers represented with functor succ/1

?- add(succ(succ(0)),succ(succ(succ(0))), Result).

Result = succ(succ(succ(succ(succ(0)))))

yes

Exercise 2.6 : addition 1/2 (bis)

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Result=succ(succ(succ(succ(succ(0))))))

yes

add(0, X, X).

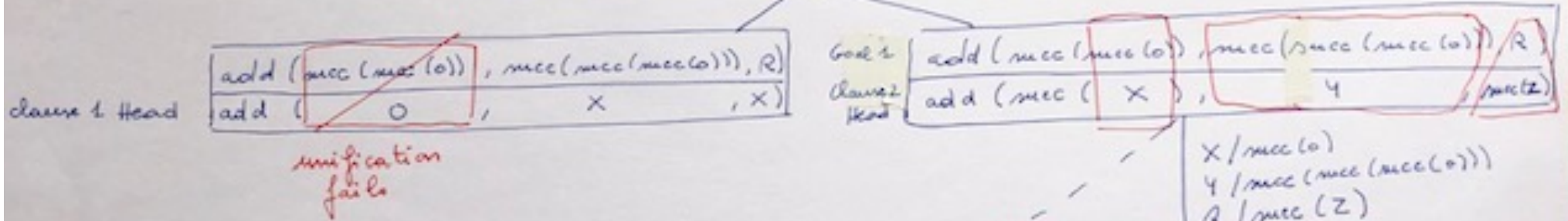
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add(X, Y, Z).

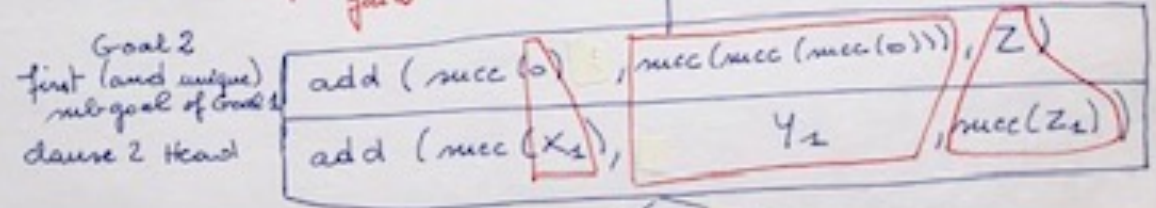
Exercise 2.6 : addition 2/2

Build the **search tree** for the resolution of
?- add(succ(succ(0)),succ(succ(succ(0))), Result).

?-add (succ (succ (0)), succ (succ (succ (0))), R)

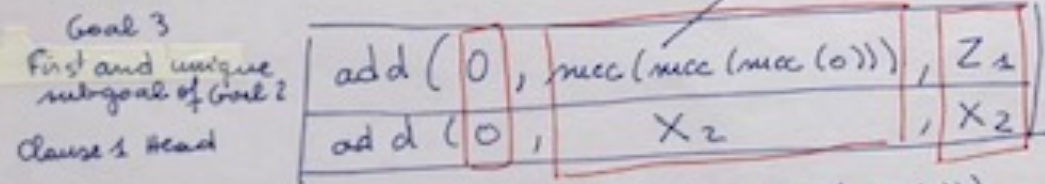


Unify with Clause 1 head fails



$X_1 / 0$
 $Y_1 / \text{succ}(\text{succ}(\text{succ}(0)))$
 $Z_1 / \text{succ}(Z_1)$

Unification with Clause 2 Head fails



$X_2 / \text{succ}(\text{succ}(\text{succ}(0)))$
 Z_1 / X_2

succes

add(0, X, X).
 add(succ(X), Y, succ(Z)):-
 add(X, Y, Z).

recursive call where variables have been instantiated to their current value

To find R just apply all substitution

$$R = \text{succ}(Z) = \text{succ}(\underbrace{\text{succ}(Z_1)}_Z) = \text{succ}(\text{succ}(\underbrace{X_2}_{Z_1})) = \text{succ}(\text{succ}(\underbrace{\text{succ}(\text{succ}(\text{succ}(0)))}_{X_2}))$$

Exercise ancestor to be done at home and **uploaded on Moodle**

- Relative to the ancestor program given in the slides, give the answer of query
?- ancestor_of (lali, davit).
- Build the search tree for its resolution following the model of the previous search tree

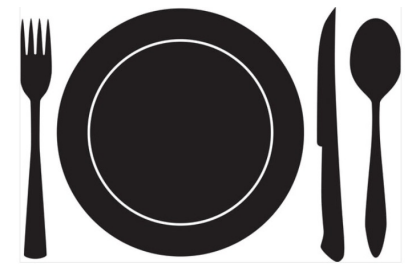
Remember

- “Yes” and “No” are valid answers
 - this is **logic** programming

Unification exercise

- (Try to) unify
my_pred(foo(X), Y , bar(67, toto(A))) and
my_pred(Foo , hello, bar(N , toto(72)))
- Give the substitutions and the most general unifier

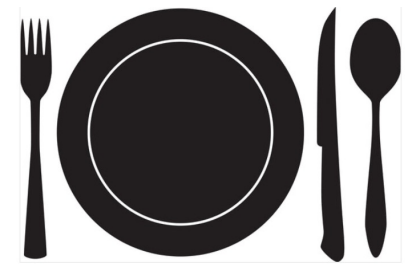
A French menu



- Typically:
 - Appetizer
 - Main course (meat, fish or vegetarian)
 - Dessert
- Examples of appetizers
 - salad, poached egg, artichoke
- Examples of main courses
 - meat: steak with vegetables, chicken with fries,
 - fish: trout with rice, salmon with eggplant
 - vegetarian: falafel with rice, vegetable lasagna
- Examples of desserts
 - fruit salad, fresh fruit, cake

French menu is the basis of the assessment project

Exercise French menu



Write a Prolog program

1. Facts to introduce components
2. Rule(s) to define/verify the structure of a French menu

A valid menu (test case -> YES)

?- french_menu(salad, trout_with_rice, cake).

Invalid menus (test cases -> NO)

?- french_menu(salad, trout, cake).

?- french_menu(falafel_with_rice, trout_with_rice, cake).

Take your time to search, code and test
your own program

Then take your time to understand the
following solution

Exercise French menu (bis)

Facts

appetizer(salad).
appetizer(poached_egg).
appetizer(artichoke).

meat_course(steak_with_vegetables).
meat_course(chicken_with_fries).

fish_course(trout_with_rice).
fish_course(salmon_with_eggplant).

veggy_course(falafel_with_rice).
veggy_course(vegetable_lasagna).

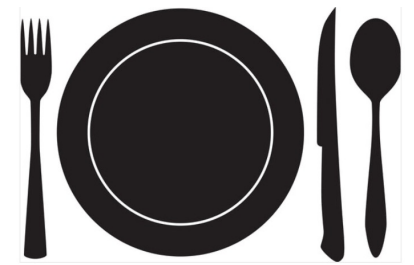
dessert(fruit_salad).
dessert(fresh_fruit).
dessert(cake).

Rules

french_menu(A, M, D) :-
 appetizer(A),
 main_course(M),
 dessert(D).

main_course(M) :-
 meat_course(M).
main_course(M) :-
 fish_course(M).
main_course(M) :-
 veggy_course(M).

Exercise French Menu: Update 1



- Nowadays, people tend to eat less
- Restaurants often offer the possibility to take
 - Appetizer + main course, or
 - Main course + dessert, or
 - Appetizer + main course + dessert
- Update your program to take this into account
- Valid menus (test cases -> YES)
 - ?- french_menu(salad, trout_with_rice).
 - ?- french_menu(trout_with_rice, cake).
 - ?- french_menu(salad, trout_with_rice, cake).
- Invent test cases -> NO

Ex French Menu : Update 1 (bis)

Facts

appetizer(salad).
appetizer(poached_egg).
appetizer(artichoke).

meat_course(steak_with_vegetables).
meat_course(chicken_with_fries).

fish_course(trout_with_rice).
fish_course(salmon_with_eggplant).

veggy_course(falafel_with_rice).
veggy_course(vegetable_lasagna).

dessert(fruit_salad).
dessert(fresh_fruit).
dessert(cake).

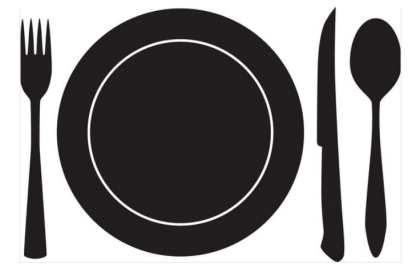
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french_menu(A, M) :-
 appetizer(A),
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 main_course(M),
 dessert(D).

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main_course(M) :-
 fish_course(M).
main_course(M) :-
 veggy_course(M).

Exercise French Menu : Update 2



- Sometimes cheese can replace dessert, sometimes it is offered before dessert
- Update your program to take this into account
- Valid menus (test case -> YES)
 - ?- french_menu(salad, trout_with_rice).
 - ?- french_menu(trout_with_rice, roquefort).
 - ?- french_menu(salad, trout_with_rice, roquefort).
 - ?- french_menu(salad, trout_with_rice, roquefort, cake).
- Invent test cases -> NO

Ex French Menu :

Update 2 (bis)

Facts

appetizer(salad).

appetizer(poached_egg).

appetizer(artichoke).

meat_course(steak_with_vegetables).

meat_course(chicken_with_fries).

fish_course(trout_with_rice).

fish_course(salmon_with_eggplant).

veggy_course(falafel_with_rice).

veggy_course(vegetable_lasagna).

dessert(fruit_salad).

dessert(fresh_fruit).

dessert(cake).

cheese(roquefort).

cheese(camembert).

Rules

```
% french_menu/2
```

```
french_menu(A, M) :-  
    appetizer(A),  
    main_course(M).
```

```
french_menu(M, D) :-  
    main_course(M),  
    dessert_or_cheese(D).
```

```
% french_menu/3
```

```
french_menu(A, M, D) :-  
    appetizer(A),  
    main_course(M),  
    dessert_or_cheese(D).
```

```
% french_menu/4
```

```
french_menu(A, M, C, D) :-  
    appetizer(A),  
    main_course(M),  
    cheese(C),  
    dessert(D).
```

```
main_course(M) :-  
    meat_course(M).
```

```
main_course(M) :-  
    fish_course(M).
```

```
main_course(M) :-  
    veggy_course(M).
```

```
dessert_or_cheese(D) :-  
    cheese(D).
```

```
dessert_or_cheese(D) :-  
    dessert(D).
```

Hindsight

- Note how easy it is to increase the power of Prolog programs
 - **Powerful prototyping language**

Hanoi Towers program 1/2

```
move(1, Source, Target, _):-
```

```
    printf("Move top disk from %w to %w\n", [Source, Target]).
```

```
move(N, Source, Target, Aux):-
```

```
    N > 1,
```

% the 2 clauses are exclusive

```
    printf("Solve problem %w\n", [N]),
```

```
    N1 is N-1,
```

```
    move(N1, Source, Aux, Target),
```

% first solve N-1 problem

```
    move(1, Source, Target, _),
```

% to be able to move large ring

```
    move(N1, Aux, Target, Source).
```

*% then **really** solve N-1 problem*

Note the 2 recursive calls. The problem **IS** difficult.

This program explains it !

Note also predicate "printf/2" that can be very useful !

Hanoi Towers program 2/2

- Run the program with query
?- move(4, source, target, auxiliary).
- To understand the execution, play the game in parallel with
https://www.mathplayground.com/logic_tower_of_hanoi.html

Hanoi Towers

program 2/2 (bis)

```
move(1, Source, Target, _):-  
    printf("Move top disk from %w to  
           %w\n", [A, B]).  
move(N, Source, Target, Aux):-  
    N > 1,  
    printf("Solve problem %w\n", [N]),  
    N1 is N-1,  
    move(N1, Source, Aux, Target),  
    move(1, Source, Target, _),  
    move(N1, Aux, Target, Source).
```

```
?- move(4, source, target, auxiliary).  
Solve problem 4  
Solve problem 3  
Solve problem 2  
Move top disk from source to auxiliary  
Move top disk from source to target  
Move top disk from auxiliary to target  
Move top disk from source to auxiliary  
Solve problem 2  
Move top disk from target to source  
Move top disk from target to auxiliary  
Move top disk from source to auxiliary  
Move top disk from source to target  
Solve problem 3  
Solve problem 2  
Move top disk from auxiliary to target  
Move top disk from auxiliary to source  
Move top disk from target to source  
Move top disk from auxiliary to target  
Solve problem 2  
Move top disk from source to auxiliary  
Move top disk from source to target  
Move top disk from auxiliary to target
```